

House Resolution No. 760

Whereas, Christine J. Bierman of St. Louis, Missouri, has been nominated to receive the prestigious DeVerne Lee Calloway Award, a tremendous accolade given annually by the Women Legislators of Missouri in honor of Missouri's first African-American woman state representative; and

Whereas, the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award is presented to a Missouri woman who, through her commitment and determination, has made major contributions to equality and social justice by furthering legislation concerning equal opportunities for all Missourians in the areas of education, housing, employment, etc.; and

Whereas, following a brief career as a secondary education teacher, Christine Bierman established Colt Safety, Inc., a thriving company selected as "One of St. Louis' Best Places to Work" which stores and distributes items that are worn when working in a hazardous environment ranging from hard hats, safety glasses, and work gloves to biological detectors and gas monitors used in homeland security; and

Whereas, the first woman ever elected to the National Board of Directors of Safety Equipment Distributors Association, Christine Bierman is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the Brentwood Economic Development Council, St. Louis Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers, NAWBO, and AMC Cancer Research, just to name a few; and

Whereas, selected as one of the Most Influential Business Women by the St. Louis Business Journal, Christine Bierman is the worthy recipient of several awards and honors, including the NAWBO 1997 Distinguished Woman Business Owner Award, The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District 2001 Diverse Universe Award, and a Working Woman Magazine Entrepreneurial Excellence Award; and

Whereas, a guest speaker at the Mayor's Conference on Racial Justice and Harmony in 2000, Christine Bierman has worked on the standardization of Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MWBE) for more than twenty years:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Christine Bierman upon her well-deserved nomination for the DeVerne Lee Calloway Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Christine J. Bierman.

Offered by _____
Representative Marilyn Ruestman
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 760, adopted March 10, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker